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## The Christmas Sale At Green Pastures All Day Saturday

Extensive preparations are being made for the Christmas sale, which will be held on Saturday, all day, at the home of A. P. Fitt and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell. The proceeds of the sale are to be used in completing the fund to send out the Christmas cards to the men in service, together with a dollar money order. There will be several departments in the sale, all presented over by local women. The food table will offer pies, cakes, doughnuts, rolls, etc., and will be in charge of Mrs. F. T. Pallam. There will be a clothing section of good old and new wearing apparel and in charge of Mrs. Russell Durgin. There will be children's shoes, shirts, young ladies dresses and adult materials for both men and women. There will be a jewelry table, which will have a special appeal to young people, especially students, in charge of Miss Betty Jean Purrington, Miss Ellen Briesmaster and Miss Anne Greenwood. Mrs. R. M. McCulloch and Mrs. Van Phelan will sell door and table decorations for the Christmas season as well as corsets. Mrs. Monroe Smith, who is not only a contributor, is selling at the table of home industries, many attractive things made by Northfield people. Many other women will assist at the sale and curtains, sewing machines, guitars, books, china, vases, music, etc., will be offered. The Christmas cards such as have been sent to our service men will also be offered for sale.

Everybody is invited to attend the sale and it is hoped there will be a generous response. Fill up your car and come along.

## High Senior Class Enjoy New York Trip

The High School Senior class have returned from a worthwhile visit to New York City last week end. For many years the seniors have made a pilgrimage to Washington, the nation's capitol, but owing to the war situation, such excursions have been discouraged and actually forbidden, and so this year the journey to New York was decided upon. Accompanying the seniors on the visit were Principal Roland Currier and Miss Julia Austin of the teaching staff. Those making the trip were Arline Dunnett, Esther Szestowicki, Shirley Severance, Irving Scott, Glenn Murray, Gilbert Stacey, Earle Smith, Barbara Harris, Olive Fisher, Alice Stevens, Esther Brasser, Enide Miner, Althea Churchill and William Andrews. Many important places of interest were visited by the class. The entire personnel were registered at the Hotel Taft.

## Movies At Hostel

A good crowd attended the showing of "Sinbad the Sailor" at the youth hostel last Saturday. Rudyard Kipling's "Elephant Boy" will be shown this week. The ten-reel feature will take one and one-half hours of showing time.

The quality of the movies to be ordered depends upon local reception. Those who are interested in getting good movies into town for the young people should encourage attendance every week if possible.

The movies are for the entertainment of people of all ages. All are invited to attend at either performance: 2:30 on Saturday afternoon, and 7:30 on Saturday evening.

## Local Assessor Elected

In our paragraph of the County Assessors' Association meeting at Deerfield Academy in last week's issue, the information had not reached the Press of the election of officers. Howard J. Parsons of Conway was chosen as president for the ensuing year and Ernest A. Parker, one of our own Northfield assessors, was chosen vice-president. B. Z. Stebbins is secretary-treasurer. The association was organized in 1910 and Charles H. Holmes of Irving is the only charter member who retains membership.

## Rationing Board Says

The Rationing Board will be in their office at the Town Hall this week Thursday and Friday evening to issue the oil coupons for those who registered recently at the Center school. Also for issuing the coupons for the needed kerosene of those who have applied. The certificates for grade two tires are also ready to those who have applied.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EVENTS

### Concluding Campaign Salvation Army Appeal In This District

In co-operation with the efforts of the local committee of the Salvation Army Annual Appeal for funds, which is now in progress, A. M. Bassett and Gordon E. Watt representing the army, are conducting a systematic solicitation of funds in Northfield and surrounding district from those who have not yet sent in their contributions. For nearly a quarter of a century Mr. Bassett has supervised and personally solicited in over 250 communities in the New England States. In a great many he has become a public fixture and in scores of annual drives the community specifically requests that he make a personal call at their home for the annual gift.

Sunday, December 13  
3:30 P. M.  
Pioneer Valley Symphony with Ruth Posselt, violinist, at Greenfield High School auditorium.

Sunday, December 13  
Christmas Vesper Services at Sage Chapel of the Seminary and at Mount Hermon Church.

Sunday, December 20  
5 P. M.  
Candlelight Christmas Vesper Service at Congregational Church. Christmas music and carols.

Monday, December 21  
7:30 P. M.  
Christmas party and tree at No. 3 schoolhouse given by the Community Club for all the children of the district.

## School Supt. Taylor Brings Back Message

Robert N. Taylor, superintendent of schools, attended the annual meeting of the New England Association of School Superintendents held in Boston recently. The theme of the conference was, "The Impact of War on the Educational Program." He brings back these messages for our benefit:

The Government urges that we consider our high schools as pre-induction centers and that we give specific training in pre-flight aerodynamics, physics, and mathematics as they apply to war problems. All high schools are expected to establish a Victory Corp in which both boys and girls will be prepared to do those things which will later be required of them when they enter the service. Our curriculum must be adjusted to meet war needs. There should be a physical fitness program for all high school students in which physical defects must be discovered, coordination must be developed, and we must develop an understanding of sacrifices that have to be made for the war.

Many of these curricular changes, stated Dr. Edgar Fuller, Civil Aeronautical Consultant of Washington, "will continue as part of the program after the war, since we are going to be living in an air-minded world. Our way of life will not recede to that of 1939 but instead will develop and broaden as it has always done after every war."

To meet the shortage of teachers in our high schools, a program in-service training for teachers so that they may be prepared to teach science, mathematics, physical education and pre-flight courses, was strongly recommended.

Walter F. Downey, Commissioner of Education of this State, said, "that education as usual, is out for the duration" and "that educational for specific war needs, is in for the duration."

United States Commissioner of Education, Dr. John W. Studebaker, said that the high schools must supply the workers for industry, for farms, the specialists for the air service and the men for the army and navy services. What we do in our public schools before induction is just that much time and money saved on these candidates after induction into the armed services.

**Banks Send Out Checks Christmas Fund Members**

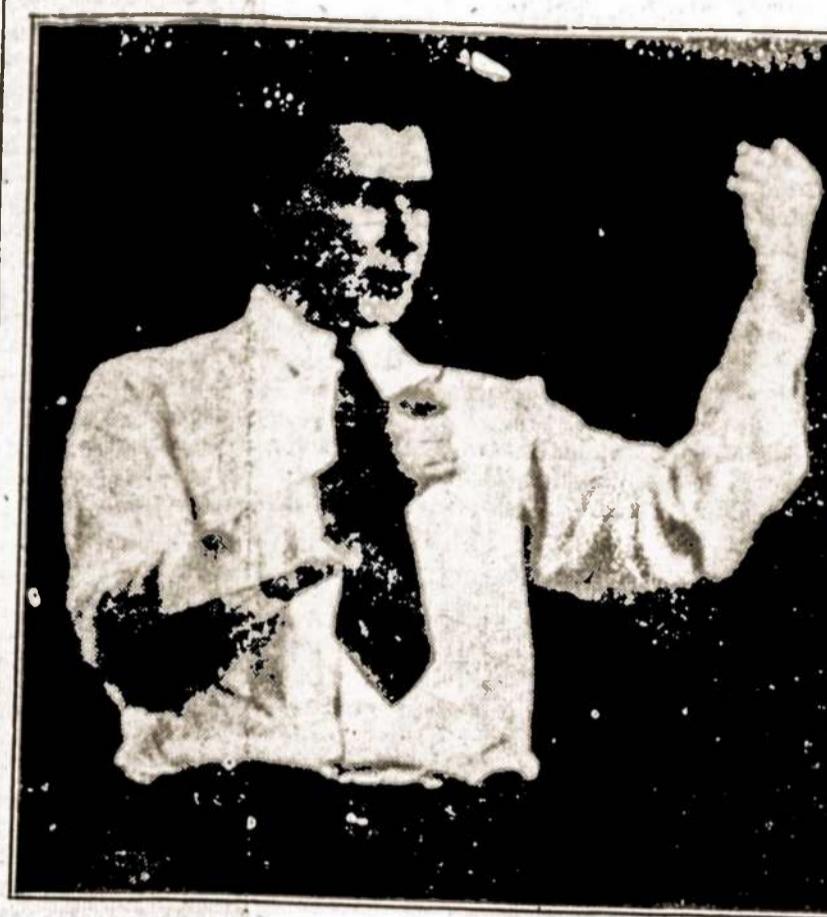
It is reported that about six thousand members of Christmas Clubs will soon receive their checks, amounting to about \$290,000, in Franklin county. Many Northfield residents are included in this number, although a portion have joined the clubs in Winchester and in Brattleboro. The First National Bank and Trust Company of Greenfield, including its Turners Falls branch, will pay out \$114,130. The Greenfield Savings Bank will pay out \$105,000. Orange National Bank, \$48,000; Shelburne Falls Savings Bank, \$23,000; Winchester National Bank will send out checks to members for \$18,000; from Brattleboro, the Vermont Peoples National Bank will distribute \$40,446, and the Brattleboro Trust Co., \$17,000.

## Pomona Meets Here

Next Wednesday evening the Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange will meet at the local Grange Hall. There will be a supper served by local members at 7 o'clock and after the business session there will be a guest speaker and a Christmas program. The committee in charge consists of Mrs. Geneva Dawe, Mrs. Bertha Rikert and Mrs. Ethel Shine.

## The "Attic Outlet"

The "Attic Outlet" in the Webster Block, with Mr. Goodspeed as its proprietor, is being visited by a large number of people these days and well it might be, for it is a veritable museum. No time will be wasted if you call and look over the many articles. Whether you want anything or not, whether you purchase or not, the "Attic Outlet" is certainly worth a visit as one of the attractions of the town.



HAROLD A. LESLIE

Conductor of the Pioneer Valley Symphony Orchestra, which gives its first concert of a series on Sunday, December 13, in the High School auditorium at Greenfield.

## South Vernon Church Calls To Pastorate

The citizens who have not made their returns by mail to Mr. Hoehn, the treasurer, are urgently requested to do so in order that time and expenses may be saved and thereby the greater good be accomplished by the money saved. Ross L. Spencer is chairman of the local committee.

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## NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY A HOME IN NORTHFIELD

At the present time there are several desirable properties offered for a home in this community at very reasonable prices.

The list can not be published or the low cost of its purchase but if you are in the market it will be worth your while to confer with me. After the war is over properties will be in demand and values will go up. Now is the time to investigate.

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## TOWN TOPICS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Wood of Northfield Farms observed their 58th wedding anniversary last week at their home. There was a dinner with relatives as guests and many gifts, cards and flowers were received.

Mrs. Russell Durgin, now residing in New York, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Lazelle this week.

Ian French, who is in the Marines, has been transferred to Hadnut Point, New River, N. C., in further training.

The Christmas cards recently issued, which have been sent to all men in the service, may now be available to service men only, at a special low price as long as the supply lasts.

Lieut. Lester P. White of Roslyn Heights, N. Y., formerly of Mount Hermon school, is at the Chaplin School at Harvard University and will soon be given his assignment. His family is at Worcester.

Dr. Curtis Lee Laws of New York city and a summer resident of this town, will spend the winter at the Hotel Detroit in St. Petersburg, Florida.

On Wednesday, December 9, women of the Unitarian Church will offer for sale, Farmers vegetable soup between the hours of 11:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. The soup will be made by the firm of McNeil and Miller, and it's sure to be good.

Although rain fell on 15 days in November, the total amount of rain was less than normal according to records kept each day. The total precipitation for the month was 3.85 inches.

Joseph H. Putnam, who recently retired as our county agricultural agent, has decided to locate on a farm on Cape Cod, where he will undertake the work of cultivating blueberries.

A special meeting of the Community Club of district 4 has been called by President Lawrence Hammond to meet next Monday evening at the schoolhouse at 8 o'clock.

Goddard Winterbottom returned to his home here from the hospital in Boston for a stay with his mother before returning for further treatment. His many friends are much interested in his recovery and extend their greetings.

Dr. William E. Park will preach at the afternoon service at Massachusetts State College this Sunday. His sermon is entitled "Keeping the Faith."

Quite a number of our local citizens are reported to be quite ill with a majority suffering from severe colds and confined to the house.

G. W. Deming, Jr., has recently completed a 12 weeks' course at the Mid West Radio School, Kansas City, Mo. After spending several days with his parents at Mount Hermon and with his sister in Danvers, Mass., he will report to his headquarters at Carolina Beach, N. C.

Bennett Meyers, popular teacher and coach of basketball and baseball at Mount Hermon School, has enlisted in the U. S. Army. He was here two years, teaching in the English and the mathematics departments, and assisted in the dormitory.

Tuesday provided another day of difficult driving with the icy

## West Northfield and South Vernon

Residents of the Vernon Home were gladdened Thanksgiving Day by the receipt of a basket of good things from the students of Northfield Seminary.

The Women's Mission Society will hold an entertainment and sale at the Vernon Home this Friday evening. There is no admission fee and all are welcome. Many articles will be on sale.

Mrs. Helen W. Keeney of Boston, formerly of South Vernon, will speak at the morning worship of the South Vernon Church Sunday at 10:30, and also at 7:30. Sunday school is at 11:45. Local Workers meet at 6:30 with responses to the roll call followed by a special business meeting. Mid-week prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at the Vernon Home.

The home demonstration group will meet Tuesday with Mrs. Clayton George to consider table decorations. Each member is to bring a ten cent gift.

Edmond Brasser, son of Frank J. Brasser, has enlisted in the Navy and left for service.

Vernon Grange will hold an installation of its officers next Wednesday evening.

Richard Harris and Richard Bolton of the Army Air Corps are both now in training at Mariana, Florida.

Edwin L. Frost of Brattleboro, who jumped in the Connecticut River from the Chesterfield bridge, recently, and whose body was recovered in the river, was a native of South Vernon, the son of Bert and Mary (Palmer) Frost. He was a nephew of Mrs. R. E. Blodgett and Levi Palmer of South Vernon.

While attending a card party at the Vernon Town Hall last week Friday, John Henry Johnson, age 75, collapsed and died of a heart attack. He had made his home with his brother, J. A. Johnson, for several years. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Union Church, Rev. E. E. Jones officiating. Burial was in the North Cemetery. Besides his brother he is survived by two sisters, a son, George, and several nieces and nephews.

Jack: "What are you doing for lunch today?"

Joe: "I've got to help my little cousin buy a Christmas tree."

Jack: "A bit early, isn't she?"

Joe: "Oh, no. She works in a defense plant, and they're two months ahead of schedule."

Doctor (after examination): "I must tell you frankly, Madam, that I don't like the looks of your husband."

Patient's wife: "Well, I admit he's not handsome, but he's very good to me and the children."

Mother: "When I was your age, young lady, a nice girl would never think of holding a young man's hand."

Daughter: "But, mother, nowadays a nice girl has to hold a young man's hand."

roads and blowing snow. It was not an easy matter to navigate or climb the hills. Many minor accidents were reported as happening to local car owners, and then on Wednesday morning we had thunder, lightning and rain, warmer.

Strawberry Ice Cream

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup sugar; 2 cups crushed, fresh strawberries; 2 cups milk; 1 cup heavy cream; 1 package strawberry ice cream powder.

Add sugar to berries and let stand while ice cream mixture is being made. Add milk and cream very gradually to ice cream powder, stirring until dissolved. Freeze in freezer until thick but not hard; add fruit and continue freezing. Makes 1 1/2 quarts cream.

## With The Local Grange Emory Rikert Lecturer

The next regular meeting of the Grange will be Tuesday evening, December 8, and the program is in charge of the newly elected officers, who met at the home of Mrs. Geneva Daws last Sunday evening and with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Whitney on Wednesday to prepare the entertainment. An interesting meeting is scheduled and members are urged to attend and enjoy a pleasant social evening.

Last Tuesday evening a card party was held in the Grange hall and another will be arranged for Tuesday evening, December 15. The public invited. The newly elected lecturer of the Grange, Emory Rikert, attended the State lecturers' conference which was held in Worcester on Tuesday of this week. Mrs. Rikert accompanied her husband on the trip.

Professor: "Definite transparent, translucent, and opaque."

Student: "I cannot precisely define those terms, professor, but I can indicate their meaning in this way: The windows of this room were once transparent, they are now translucent, and if not cleaned very soon they will be opaque."

Said Mr. Hobson: "A baby's troublesome, that's true, but remember the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

Replied his wife: "Well then, suppose you assume world domination for the evening while I go to the movies."

A local resident bumped into his minister just as he came out of a saloon. "John," said the minister, "I'm sorry to see you come out of that place."

The slightly intoxicated man replied, "You don't think I can stay in there all day, do you?"

An American soldier in Ireland, anxiously waiting to hear from his sweetheart back home, accosted a native and inquired, "How many mails do you have here a day?"

"Three," was the reply, "breakfast, dinner and supper."

## Ice Cream - The Home-made Kind!

By Frances Lee Barton

WE never get too old to enjoy home-made ice cream, particularly when it is flavored with our favorite fruit or berry, has plenty of good rich cream, and is frozen to the stiffness we prefer. It's the summer dessert that always calls for "seconds," and "seconds" never seem to cause us harm. Here's a strawberry ice cream dessert! Double the quantities if there are more than three of four to be served — for one dish each will never suffice.

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## CHRISTMAS COMES AGAIN NEXT YEAR

When Christmas appears on the calendar you want to let yourself go and fully enjoy giving generously. But without the slightest thought to the ever-bodesome financial end of it. You can do this if you join our CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB NOW and put a fixed amount away each week.

### JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CLUB FOR 1942

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PHONE 602

Husband: "When I read of the marvels of electricity, it makes me stop and think!"

Wife: "Imagine that! Isn't it wonderful what electricity does!"

Politician: "Now, my dear people, having said all I'm going to say, I will return to what I was coming to when I was interrupted, and repeat what I was prevented from saying."

Wife (arousing husband): "I believe a burglar's trying to open the drawing-room window."

Husband: "Good! I haven't been able to move it since the painter was here."

"I hadn't been talking to the fellow for more than five minutes when he called me a fool."

"What caused the delay?"

Nit: "I hear the fire chief has discharged the new efficiency expert."

Wit: "What for?"

Nit: "He put unbreakable glass in the fire alarm boxes."

He: "Until I met you my life has been a desert."

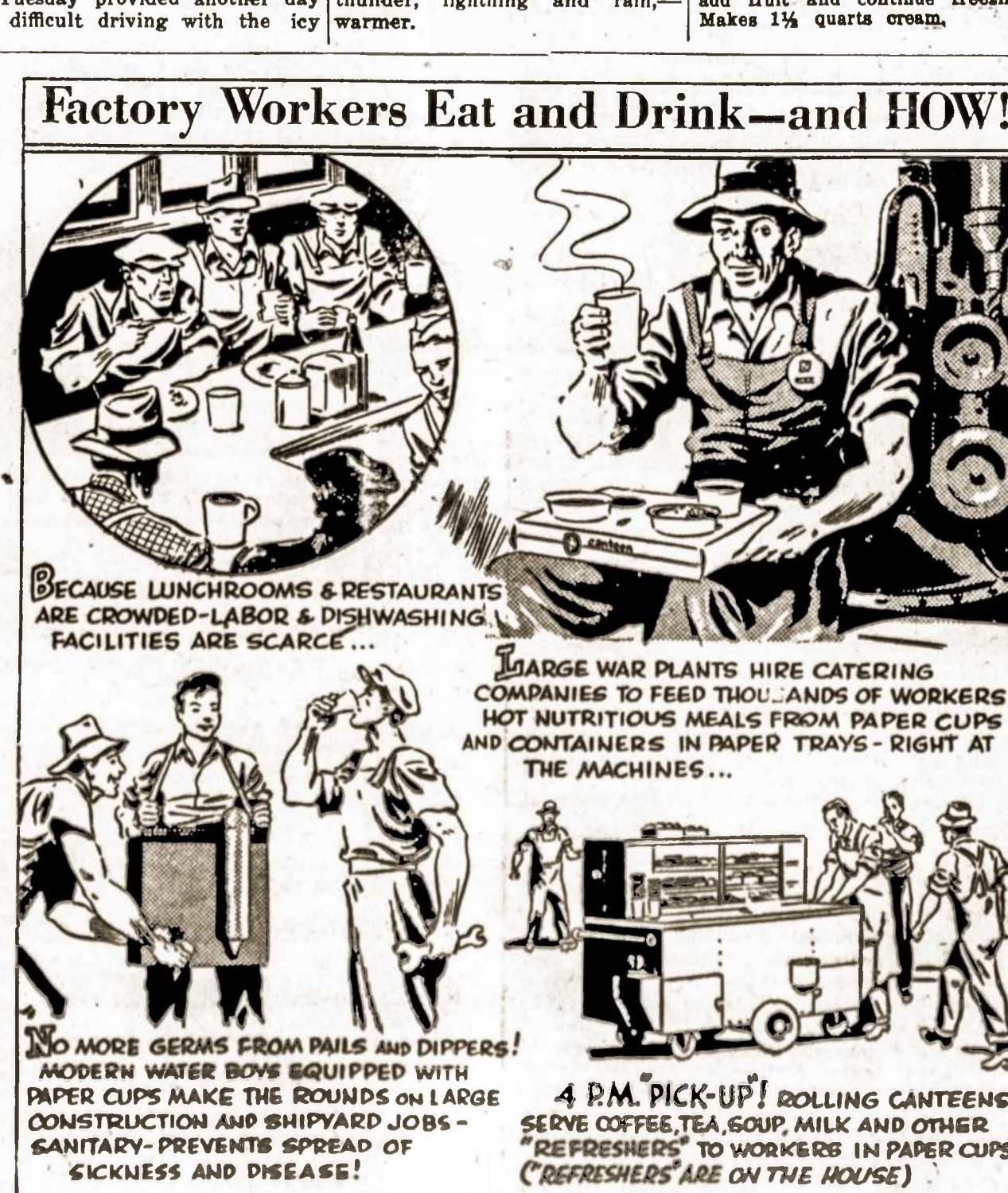
She: "Well, that must explain why I've been thinking of camelias ever since we've been dancing."

A notice at an office in a military establishment in Scotland, where civilian callers sometimes

Rastus: "Here am a telegram from de boss in Africa. He says he is sending us some lions' tails."

Circus Owner's Wife: "Lions' tails, Rastus? What are you talking about?"

Rastus: "Well, read it yourself. It says plain: 'Just captured two lions. Sending details by mail.'"



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LIGHTHOUSE CLEANSER . . 3 cans	12c	
PRIMROSE MACARONI . . 2 pkgs	15c	
O C POTATO STICKS . . . . can	9c	
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**Congregational Church**

Services on Sunday and events of the week are as follows: 10: Sunday school; 11, morning worship, sermon by Mr. Dahl: "Prepare Ye Way;" 3: Sunday school at schoolhouse No. 4, Northfield Farms, Mr. Nielsen in charge; 6:30, Christian Endeavor meeting, led by co-president Anne Isabella Thompson.

Monday, 7 p. m., Boy Scouts in vestry, Eugene Culum, Scoutmaster.

Tuesday, 9 a. m., Mr. Dahl will conduct devotions over radio station WHAI, Greenfield. Music by members of the choir directed by Mr. Lawrence. 7:30, Standing Committee at the home of Miss Isabella Thompson.

Wednesday, 3, the Mothers' Society meet at the home of Mrs. W. R. Moody. Mrs. Marjory Norton will speak on books. Those present will do handwork.

Thursday, 7:30, midweek service of fellowship and prayer. Mr. Dahl will speak on "Elizabeth Who Named a Child." 8:30, choir rehearsal.

Friday, 7:30, Evening Auxiliary. Sewing meeting at the church. Miss Maud Hamilton will lead in the study of Priscilla.

**Unitarian Church**

Sunday, at 10:45 o'clock, service of worship, sermon topic: "Was Jesus Religious?" Rev. Arthur Heeb, minister, Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed, choir leader and organist. A cordial welcome extended to all. 10 a. m., church school topic, "The Illuminated Door".

At the close of the church service the children of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Clinton Munson, Jessica Avie and David Densmore, will be christened by the minister.

The class in social expression and dancing will meet this Friday from 7:30 to 9:15.

**Hermon Thanksgiving**

The traditional Thanksgiving Day festivities were again held at Mount Hermon School, with a touch of military color of soldiers and sailors present. The seniors sang their turkey song at the West Hall banquet at noon, and a number of the many college alumni spoke in a more or less serious vein about the prospects of going to college. The president of the Senior Class presented the one-time fork to the Junior Class president.

The Rev. John H. Parke, assistant rector at St. James' Episcopal Church, gave a talk at the morning service. The athletic program of the day was marked by the shattering of the school cross-country record by Lewis D. Newcomb. He broke the 2.7 mile record formerly held by Arthur Oldershaw by 20 seconds. The seniors defeated the alumni in basketball, and the faculty upheld the clear record of never having been defeated by the seniors in volleyball, although the first of the three games was lost, and in the rubber game the faculty were behind 12 to 4 at one point.

The Christmas vacation at Mount Hermon begins Wednesday noon, December 16, and ends on Monday, January 4.

**Attention First Aiders**

Dr. Merritt Low of Deerfield will speak at the Northfield Town Hall on Wednesday evening, December 9th, at 7:30. His subject will be "Anatomy, Physiology and Treatment of Shock." This meeting has been arranged by the American Red Cross and should be of special interest to all nurses, nurses' aides, home nursing groups and all interested in first aid.

I understand Mussolini is building a new submarine.

Yes—he wants to inspect his navy.

Mr. Louis M. Potts, father of the groom, was best man.

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Private Potts graduated from Colby College in 1942 and its now staticked at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

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**Local Men Deferred By The Draft Board**

Last week at its sitting the Montague district draft board, which has jurisdiction of the classification of the men of this community for service, has placed the following local men in Class 3-A:

Luman A. Barber, Frank Dean, Laurence Fisher, Lawrence Hammond, Emory Kikert, Francis Lucy, Sidney Tyler, Irwin Severance, Max L. Huber, Edward Bolton, Owen Stacey, Harold B. Ingalls,

George Sheldon, Ralph Sargent, Robert Taylor, Raymond Dreaser, Ernest A. Parker, Herman White, Winfred Broad and Thomas Lapan, Jr. Also T. F. Alexander, Frank E. Dunn, Alfred Petachek, Wallace Langville of Mount Hermon.

**Brooks-Clark Wedding**

At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Clark on the Plains road, Miss Edith Lucy Clark became the bride of Carl Uriel Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brooks of Keene, N. H., last Sunday afternoon with the Rev. Marion Phelps of Erving officiating in a double ring ceremony. The house was decorated with greens and flowers.

The bride wore a gown of pastel blue taffeta and a white lace shoulder length veil and carried a bouquet of pink roses tied with a blue ribbon. Miss Virginia Jenison of Millers Falls, aunt of the bride, was bridesmaid, wearing a nile green taffeta gown and carried pink roses tied with a nile green bow. Peter Skib, Jr., of South Vernon was best man.

Mrs. Clark, the bride's mother, wore soldier blue trimmed with light blue and white and Mrs. Brooks, mother of the bridegroom, wore a brown gown. Both wore corsages of red roses.

A reception followed the ceremony and a buffet supper was served to the guests. A four-tiered wedding cake made by Mrs. John Mroczek, a friend of the bride, was cut.

After a short wedding trip the young couple will take residence in South Vernon on the Pond road. Mr. Brooks is employed at the Dunklee dairy farm at South Vernon.

**Potts-Stilling Wedding**

Miss Deborah Stillings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Stillings of North Andover, was married on Saturday, November 28, at four o'clock to Private Gilbert Evans Potts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Potts of this town.

The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, with Rev. Clinton W. Carrell of Trinitarian Congregational Church of North Andover officiating before a group of immediate relatives and intimate friends.

The bride wore her mother's gown of white duchesse satin, georgette crepe, with embroidered pearl trimmings and with a princess veil, and carried white chrysanthemums.

The matron of honor was Mrs. Robert L. Fuller of Springfield, sister of the groom. She wore a gown of blue voile and lace and carried pink chrysanthemums.

There were two flower girls, Lucy and Ellen Clark of Jamaica Plain, cousins of the bride. They wore little flowered print dresses and carried rose petals.

The bride's mother wore a street length dress of royal blue velvet with a corsage of Talisman roses.

The groom's mother wore wine velvet with a corsage of Talisman roses.

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### EDITORIAL

#### PRIORITY

A statement by the combined churches in Greenfield which by the way believes in paid publicity, in aid of their individual financial canvasses, has this to say of Religion, as a War Priority. "One of the war aims of our nation should be the strengthening of the religious spirit among the people and the increased support of religious institutions. When a nation fights for its very existence, spiritual stamina is a priority need. America needs the soul power which religion qualifies. We need the faith in the victory of the right which religion embodies. We also need the universal outlook of religion for the building of a just peace after victory comes. Religious institutions, the churches and the synagogues, which are the carriers of the religious message and program, have priority claim upon the allegiance and support of the American people." A better statement was never uttered.

#### A MANDATE

To the majority of unprejudiced observers, the recent election expressed the opinion of our citizens in no unmitigable manner on some very elemental problems the country faces.

Without going into any partisan political angles, the handwriting on the wall is clear for Republicans and Democrats alike, as well as for any group seeking special privileges or favors at the expense of all the people.

The vote seemed to indicate plainly that above all else we want the war pushed to the limit of our ability with politics eliminated; that the people are tired of labor policies that put a premium on restricted production when increased man-hours are imperative; that the social reformer and business baiter be put on the shelf for the duration.

To put it in fewer words, as Dave Boone expressed it in the New York Sun, the people want to make sure that they continue "to live under a democracy and not under a 'don't list.'"

#### Heifetz or Rubinoff

(By Jack Johnstone) The NBC studios in New York have strict rules about musicians and elevators. No musician is permitted to ride in any elevator except a special one called the "stage elevator," which is comparable to a service or freight car in a large office building.

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Even a piccolo player — if he is carrying his piccolo, small as it is — will be politely refused admission to the regular passenger elevators.

One prosperous-looking musician carrying a violin case tried to enter a passenger elevator at the studios. The operator stopped him and said, "You'll have to use the musicians' elevator. It's around to your left." "But I have a broadcast in fifteen minutes," protested the violin toter, "I suppose you have," replied the operator with asperity, "and that's why you'll have to use the musicians' elevator." "But I'm Jascha Heifetz," protested the musician and, indeed, it was he. "I wouldn't care if you were Rubinoff," answered the elevator lad. "You still have to use the musicians' elevator!" And Heifetz walked around to the musicians' elevator, muttering, "He said he wouldn't care if I was Rubinoff. Well, I would!"

#### Wanted! More Men For Local Guard Unit

Northfield Company 34, Massachusetts State Guard, at the present time has many vacancies to be filled. There has been a reluctance on the part of men between the ages of 18 and 50 to enlist, and therefore, an explanation of what the local State Guard Company is will be made.

Company 34 is a numbered unit, and, according to regulations, cannot be called out of the boundaries of the regimental area for service.

The duties of the local unit are, protect the locality in which it is situated for the express purpose of protecting Northfield.

It is the duty of the local unit, in case of paratroops landing, to keep those troops from getting away from where they make their landing, keep them in a corner, so that they will not get to Greenfield, Turners Falls, or Vernon, or any other industrial center to inflict damage.

We do not engage them in actual combat, but just hold them in that one place so as to give the regular United States forces time to arrive and annihilate them.

At the present time, the handful of men in the State Guard Unit of Northfield would not have a ghost of a chance to hold enemy paratroops in any corner. Our hope is in numbers, and if we are to protect the community, what protection can twenty or twenty-five men give?

To you men between 18 and 50, who are not classified as 1-A, the local unit extends an urgent appeal to join up. Don't leave your community unprotected. The Guard has a reserve unit for boys between 15 and 18 who wish to get a basic knowledge of military tactics and discipline. There are at the present about eighteen boys who are listed, and Captain Huber is much pleased by the way they have taken hold of the drill movements in the short time since they organized.

Lieutenant Hutchinson is fostering the hope of having competitive drills and other matches between the Regulars and the Juniors. The local unit has its drill periods on Sunday afternoon from two to four P. M. The Junior drill on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 P. M. Consult Captain Max L. Huber for any information regarding the guard.

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Christmas baskets, bushels and halves — orange and grapefruit mixture, with attractive trimmings, will be sent out again this year at above prices. We enclose your name in the basket. We need to receive your orders by Dec. 10 to assure delivery. You will wish to include express charge and tax on these gifts.

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